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- ☒ 2. Relevance of the non-English language reference is discussed in the present specification. (Ref. 2)
- ☒ 3. The present application was filed or entered the U.S. National Stage of the PCT after June 30, 2003. In accordance with the June 11, 2003, Notice waiving the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(i), copies of any U.S. patents and patent application publications are not attached. (Ref. 1)
- ☒ 4. Reference 1 is the counterpart U.S. patent of reference 2, cited in the specification. Therefore, a translation is not attached.

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